(e) The talks centred round the prevailing international situation and bilateral relations. An agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation was signed between India and Qatar.

Communal Riots in the Country

1150. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Communal riots which took place in the country during the period from the 1st January to the 30th June, 1984 indicating their dates, places of occurence, the number of persons killed and value of property damaged; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to prevent this menace of communal riots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Communal riots took place in Maharashtra (Bombay, Bhiwandi, Thane and Kalyan) during 17th May, 1984 (Sporadic incidents continued till end of May and again from 20th June to end of June), Karnataka (Banglore, Dharwar-Hubli) during 10|11th March, 4th May and 24/25th June respectively and West Bengal (Kidderpore) on 17th March, 1984.

In these riots a total of 302 persons were killed and property worth approximately Rs. 826.23 lakhs were damaged/lost.

(b) The necessity of maintaining peace and communal harmony has time and again been stressed on the State Governments. Suggestions have been made to them to streamline the administrative and intelligence machinery and for measures like arrests of anti-social elements, search and seizure for the recovery of arms and ammunition and action against elements inciting communalism. It has been also suggested to some of the States that they may undertake indepth study of the causes for communal incidents in communally sensitive areas. Central forces are made available to the States as and when the request for the same are made.

पंजाब में व्याप्त स्थिति के प्रति अमरीकी कांग्रेस के सदस्यों द्वारा दिखाई गई दिलचस्पी

1151. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी है कि अमरीकी कांग्रेस के अग्रणी सदस्य पंजाब की मौजूदा स्थिति के बारे में गहरी दिलचस्पी ले रहे है और वे सिक्ख आंदोलन के अमरीका स्थित नेताओं के साथ निरन्तर सम्पर्क बनाये हुये है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ए० ए० रहीम) : (क) और (ख) भारत सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि अमरीका आस्थानी खालिस्तान समर्थक कुछ सिक्ख, अमरीकी कांग्रेस के कतिपय सदस्यों के साथ सम्पर्क बनाये हुये हैं। सरकार को यह भी मालूम है कि पहले तथाकथित खालिस्तान आन्दोलन के एक नेता की अमरीका यात्रा, अमरीकी कांग्रेस के एक सदस्य द्वारा प्रायोजित की गई थी। भारत सरकार ने इस बारे में अपनी चिन्ता और कड़े विरोध की सूचना से अमरीका सरकार को अवगत करा दिया है।

Meeting in Dhaka of U.S. Envoys of South Asia

1152. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. envoys in South Asia recently met in Dhaka and decided to (i) forge strong military links between Bangladesh and Pakistan; (ii) bring the Bay of Bengal completely under U.S. navy with Chittagong as U.S. base and (iii) coordinate with Israel commandos in Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, what are the likely effect of these decisions on India's defence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) U.S. Ambassadors in South Asia held their customary meeting in Dhaka in February 1984. The meeting was also atttended by State Department officials from Washington. Government of India have no information regarding any specific decisions taken at the meeting. Government are aware of reports regarding U. S. interest seeking facilities in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. However, the U.S. Government have denied such reports.

(b) Government remain vigilant about any developments which might affect the country's security.

Discourteous behaviour shown to the President Entourage at Los Angles

1153. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the President entourage was not shown due courtesy by U.S. officials at Los Angeles on their arrival from the visit to the Letin American countries;

(b) if so, whether the matter was discussed with the U.S. Vice-President when he visited India recently; and

(c) if so, what was his reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) to (c) During the Presidential party's halt in Los Angeles airport, the treatment accorded by U.S. Customs to some members of the President's entourage was found to be less than courteous. The matter was brought to the attention of the U.S. Government through diplomatic channels. The U.S. Government, through their Embassy in Delhi, expressed regret over the incident. The necessity of taking up this matter during the visit to India of the U.S. Vice President did not arise.

कोलहन राज्य की स्थापना के लिए बिहार में आन्दोलन

1154. **श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र :**
श्री अश्विनी कुमार :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 16 जुलाई, 1984 के स्टेट्समैन में प्रकाशित इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि बिहार के चाइबासा क्षेत्र में कालहन नाम के स्वतंत्र प्रभुसत्ता सम्पन्न राज्य की स्थापना के लिये आंदोलन शुरू करने का प्रयास किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस प्रकार के पृथकतावादी आंदोलन पर नियन्त्रण रखने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम दुलारी सिन्हा) : (क) सरकार को समाचार की जानकारी है ।

(ख) चाइबासा कस्बे के अतिरिक्त चाइबासा सदर और सिंहभूम जिले के चक्रधरपुर उपमंडल के इलाकों को कोल्हन क्षेत्र कहा जाता है । कोल्हन क्षेत्र में कोल्हन रक्षा संघ कहा जाने वाला एक संगठन अक्तूबर, 1978 में बनाया गया था । संघ कोल्हन आदिवासी पट्टी की स्वतन्त्रता